

REMARKS

The above-identified application was allowed in the Office Action mailed April 2, 2010. The issue fee has not been paid.

Subsequent to the receipt of the Notice of Allowance, applicant noted certain inconsistencies within the claims based on the Examiner's Amendment received with the Notice of Allowance. The requested amendments are submitted to avoid these inconsistencies within the claims. In particular, independent claims 1, 10, 50, 73, 80, and 82, are amended above to consistently claim the location of the claimed firewall(s). For example, independent claim 1 was amended above to avoid the inconsistency of locating a firewall between a master control unit and at least two processing units on the one hand, and claiming that the firewall is configured to make the master control unit *and one of the processing units* inaccessible on the other hand. Thus, claim 1 has been amended to locate the firewall between the master control unit and at least *one processing unit*, not the at least two claimed processing units. Similar issues are raised in independent claims 10, 50, 73, 80, and 82, and these claims have been amended similarly to avoid any inconsistencies. Also, a minor typographical error in claim 2 has been corrected, and antecedent clarifications have been made to claims 34 and 94.

Each of the requested amendments is fully supported by the specification and drawings, will not require an additional search, and does not raise Previously Presented issues. Further, Applicant submits that the amendments submitted herewith are consistent with the Examiner's comments in the April 2, 2010 Interview Summary where the Examiner stated that the claims have been amended to include the "at least one firewall as located between the master control unit and the at least *one/two* processing

units" (emphasis added). Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered and the requested changes made.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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